

COUNTRY PROFILE

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NICARAGUA

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Subregion	Central America		
Income group	Lower middle income		

PEOPLE

Population (millions) ¹	6.08	(2015)	7.03	(2030)
Urban ²	59%	(2015)	64%	(2030)
Rural ²	41%	(2015)	36%	(2030)
Population growth ¹ (annual)	1.1%	(2015)	0.8%	(2030)
Human Development Index rank ³	125/188 Medium human development			
Languages ¹⁹	Spanish (official) 95.3%, Miskito 2.2%, Mestizo of the Caribbean coast 2%, other 0.5%			
Religion ¹⁹	Roman Catholic 58.5%, Protestant 23.2% (Evangelical 21.6%, Moravian 1.6%), Jehovah's Witnesses 0.9%, other 1.6%, none 15.7% (2005 est.)			
Ethnic composition ¹⁹	Mestizo (mixed Amerindian and white) 69%, white 17%, black 9%, Amerindian 5%			

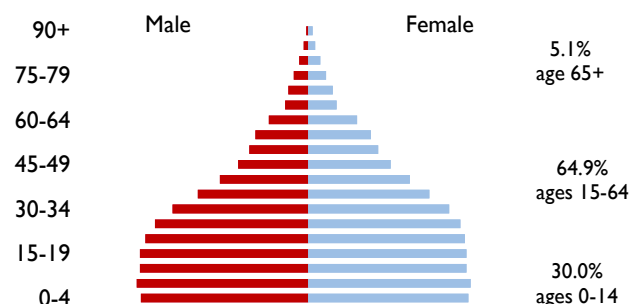
GOVERNMENT

Capital ¹⁹	Managua		
Government type ¹⁹	Presidential republic		
Head of State/Govt ¹⁹	President Jose Daniel ORTEGA Saavedra (since 10 January 2007)		
Legislature ¹⁹	Unicameral National Assembly or Asamblea Nacional		
Females in Parliament ⁴	39%	(2015)	
Corruption Perceptions Index rank ⁵	130/167	(2015)	
Land area (sq km) ⁷	120,340	(The size of Mississippi)	

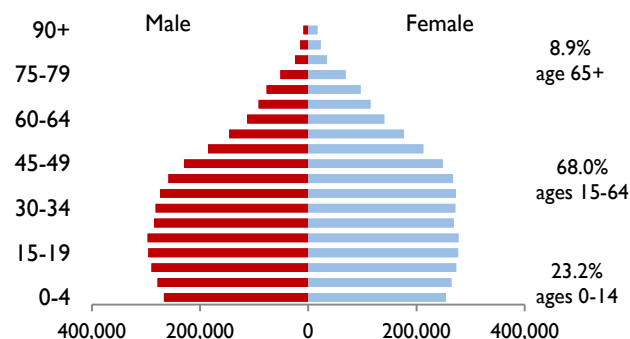
OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

From all donors (US\$ millions, net) ⁸	\$430.4	(2014)
as % of income ⁷	3.83%	(2014)
per capita ¹⁸	\$71.6	(2014)
From U.S. (US\$ millions) ⁸	\$25.7	(2014)

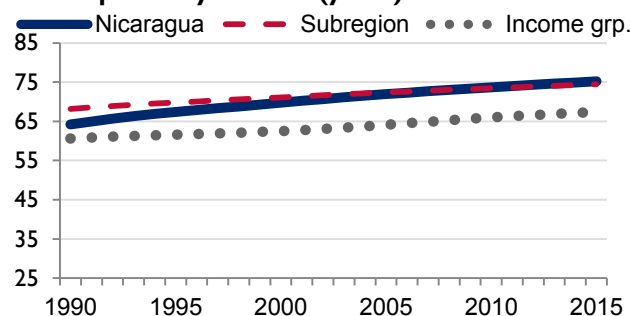
2015 population¹



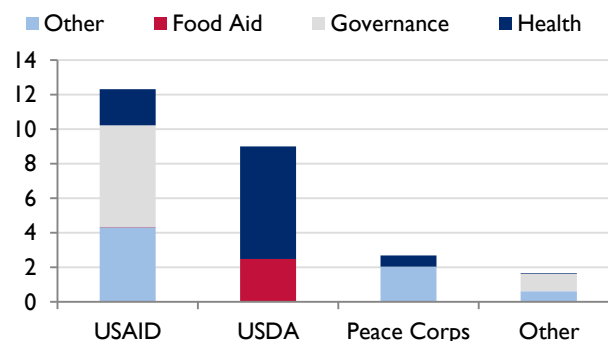
2030 population¹



Life expectancy at birth (years)¹



U.S. ODA by agency (US\$ millions, gross), 2014¹⁸





EDUCATION

Completion rate, primary gross ⁷	85.4%	(2010)
Female completion rate ⁷	89.3%	(2010)
Male completion rate ⁷	81.6%	(2010)
Pupil-teacher ratio, primary ⁹	30	(2010)
Pupil-teacher ratio, secondary ⁹	31	(2010)
Public education expenditure (% of GDP) ⁹	4.5%	(2010)
Youth literacy rate (ages 15-24) ⁷	92%	(2015)
Children out of school, primary ⁷	11,912	(2010)
Of which, female ⁷	9%	(2010)
Of which, male ⁷	91%	(2010)



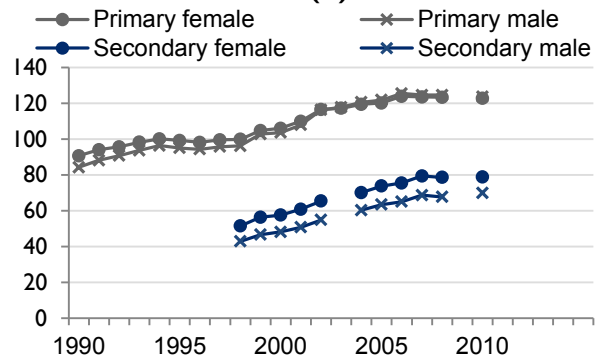
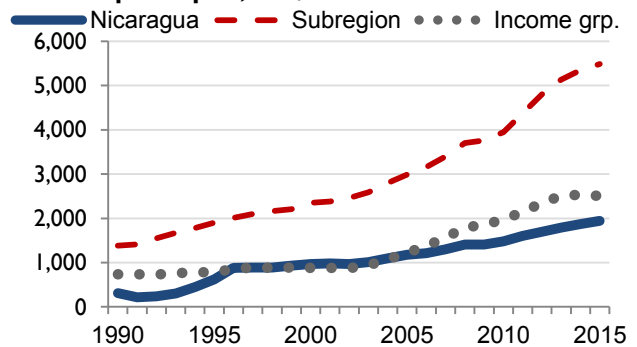
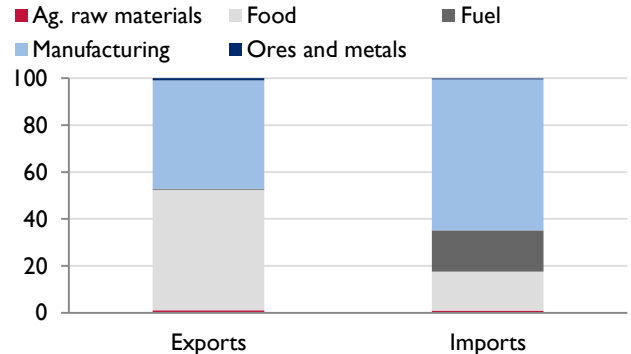
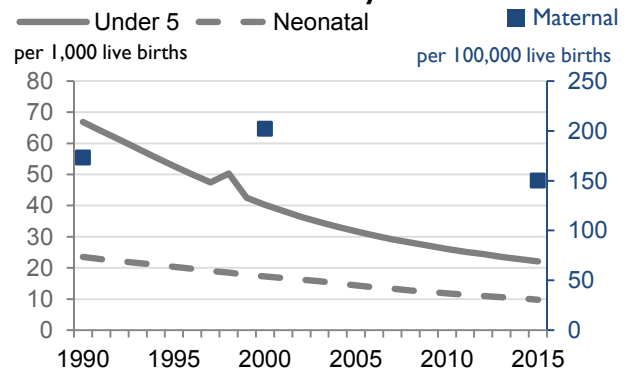
ECONOMY

GDP (US\$ millions) ⁷	\$12,693	(2015)
GDP growth (annual %) ⁷	4.9%	(2015)
10-year average ⁷	3.8%	(2015)
Merchandise exports (US\$ millions) ¹⁰	\$5,254	(2015)
Merchandise imports (US\$ millions) ¹⁰	\$6,900	(2015)
Percent of population living under \$1.90/day ⁷	6.2%	(2014)
Share of income going to the poorest 20% ¹¹	6%	(2013)
OECD average ¹¹	8%	(2013)
Share of income going to the richest 20% ¹¹	47%	(2013)
OECD average ¹¹	42%	(2013)
Youth unemployment (ages 15-24) ⁷	7.6%	(2014)
Annual inflation ¹²	4.0%	(2015)



HEALTH

Prevalence of HIV (ages 15-49) ¹³	0.3%	(2015)
Antiretroviral coverage (% of adults 15+ meeting WHO guidelines) ⁷	34%	(2015)
Prevalence of TB (per 100,000 population) ¹⁴	74	(2014)
Deaths from malaria (per 100,000 population) ¹⁴	0	(2013)
Prevalence of stunting (% of children under 5) ¹⁵	25%	(2001)
DPT3 immunization rate (children aged one) ¹⁵	83%	(2001)
Fertility rate (children per woman) ¹⁵	3.2	(2001)
Modern contraceptive prevalence ¹⁵	44%	(2001)
Births attended by skilled health worker ¹⁵	90%	(2001)
Improved water source (% of population) ⁴	87%	(2015)
Public health expenditure (% of GDP) ¹⁶	5%	(2014)

Gross enrollment ratio (%)⁹Income per capita, US\$⁷Shares of merchandise trade (%), 2014⁷Child and maternal mortality^{17,14}

SOURCES: ¹UN, World Population Prospects; ²UN, World Urbanization Prospects; ³UNDP, Human Development Report; ⁴UN, Millennium Development Goals Indicators; ⁵Transparency International, Corruption Perceptions Index and Bribe Payers Index; ⁶Mo Ibrahim Foundation, Index of African Governance; ⁷World Bank, World Development Indicators; ⁸OECD/DAC, Destination of Official Development Assistance and Official Aid - Disbursements (Table 2a); ⁹UNESCO Institute for Statistics (UIS) Database; ¹⁰IMF, Direction of Trade Statistics; ¹¹Population Reference Bureau, World Population Data Sheet; ¹²IMF, World Economic Outlook Database; ¹³UNAIDS, Report on the Global HIV/AIDS Epidemic; ¹⁴WHO, World Health Statistics; ¹⁵Demographic and Health Surveys, STATcompiler; ¹⁶WHO, Global Health Expenditure Database; ¹⁷UN Inter-agency Group for Child Mortality Estimation, Child Mortality Estimates; ¹⁸OECD/DAC, Creditor Reporting System (CRS++); ¹⁹CIA, World Factbook; World Bank, Country and Lending Groups.